

Suquarel Forest: Holistic protection of the Cévennes

Located in the heart of the Cévennes National Park, at the source of the Tarn River, the Suquarel forest is a mosaic of woodlands, some of them are old-growth forests (beech or riverside forests) and others resulting from plantations carried out in the 1970s on abandoned farmland.

This family property has a very high ecological stake inherited from the owners, who wish to pursue an approach of preserving the biodiversity present and improving the potential of the forest for a multitude of animal and plant species. The Suquarel forest is managed by ALCINA, the first forestry stakeholder in the Mediterranean region committed with FSC

Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network



Conservation of forest carbon stocks



Maintenance of the capacity of watersheds to purify and regulate water flow

Highlights of this project

1. 255 tons of carbon dioxide will be stored each year for the next 30 years
2. Protected habitats for endangered species like the short-toed eagle or the white-clawed crayfish
3. Protection of water quality in nearby rivers

Project details

Biodiversity conservation

43 ha (12%) of the Suquarel' forest are now dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity. Deciduous corridors are maintained throughout the forest (particularly riparian zones).

The maintenance of a network of old tree-habitats ensures the continuity of interesting habitats for numerous species such as the black woodpecker, the Rosalia longicorn and the short-toed vulture.



Carbon Sequestration and Storage

The silvicultural choices made by the owners make it possible to continue wood production without clear-cutting, and by permanently maintaining a forest cover. This maximises carbon storage in both the soil and the trees and increases the resilience of the stands in the context of global change. The current carbon stock is over 56,000 tonnes of carbon, and an additional 255 tonnes of carbon will be stored each year for the next 30 years.

Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

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